

No. 3 - Borrego Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Region

Region Acceptance Process Summary

General Description of Region

The Borrego Valley Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Region is located in the Colorado River Hydrologic Region, in eastern San Diego County. The Borrego IRWM Region boundary is primarily based on the underlying groundwater basin, as well as jurisdictional and geographic boundaries.

Eight agencies are participating in the Borrego Valley Regional Water Management Group (RWMG), of which Borrego Water District and the County of San Diego have statutory authority over water management for the Borrego Valley IRWM Region. This Region is in a relatively isolated area surrounded by mountain watersheds, with a depleting groundwater basin as the sole source of water supply.

A key concern in the Borrego Valley IRWM Region, discussed at the interview, is the continuous overdraft of the only developed water supply source, and the fact that this IRWM Region is relatively far from other potential sources of water.

Interview Conclusions- Approved

DWR requires this Region to modify its boundary, to include the entire eastern portion of San Diego County and extend its southern boundary to include the Ocotillo Wells area. The Borrego Valley RWMG representatives agreed on the changes to their Region boundary and subsequently provided DWR with a new GIS-based map.

To be eligible for Proposition 84 funding, the Borrego RWMG may need to expand their RWMG to include entities necessary to develop and implement the IRWM Plan (California Water Code §10539).